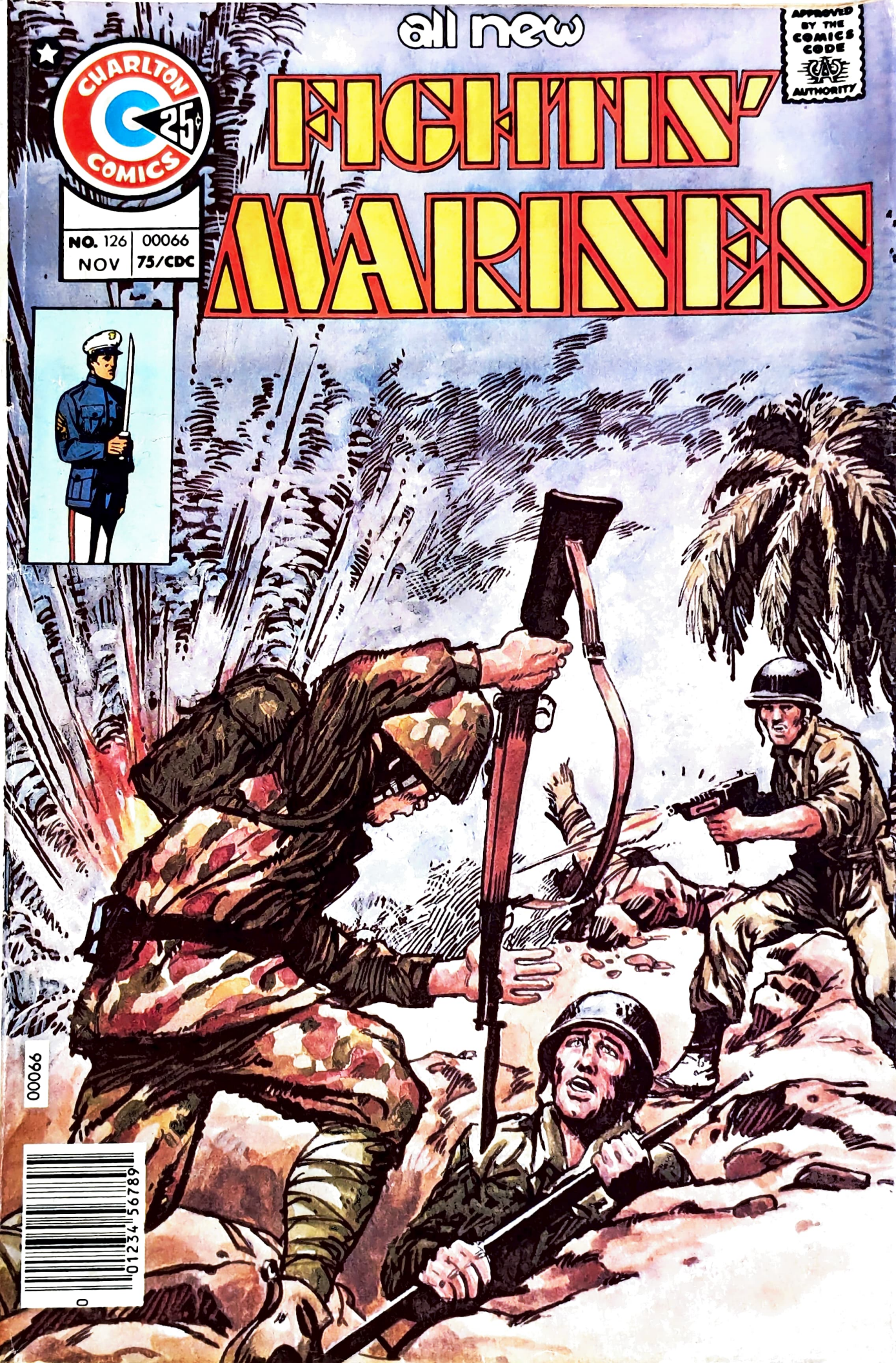
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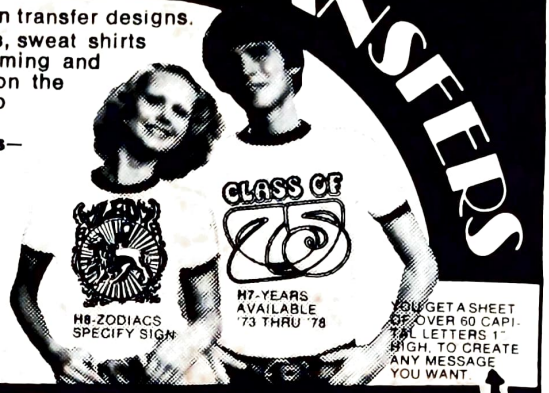

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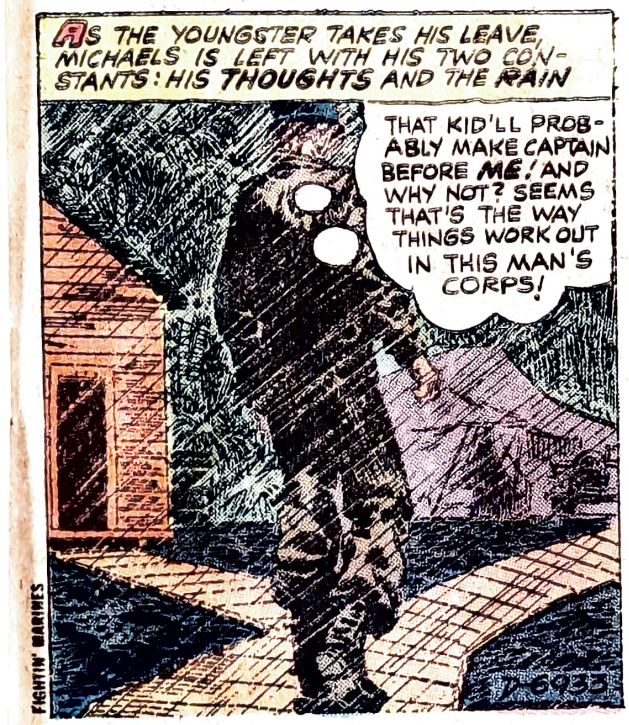

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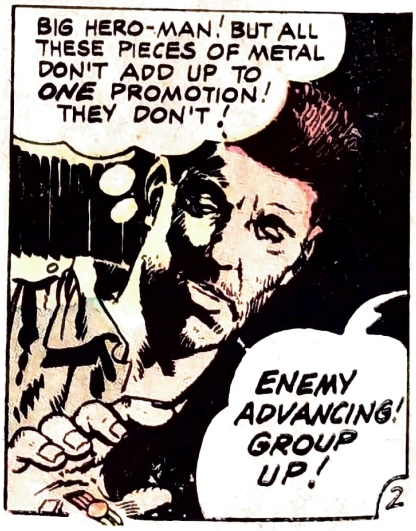

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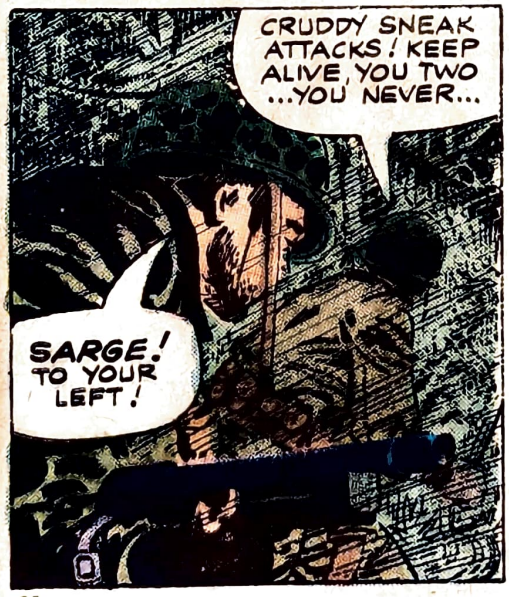

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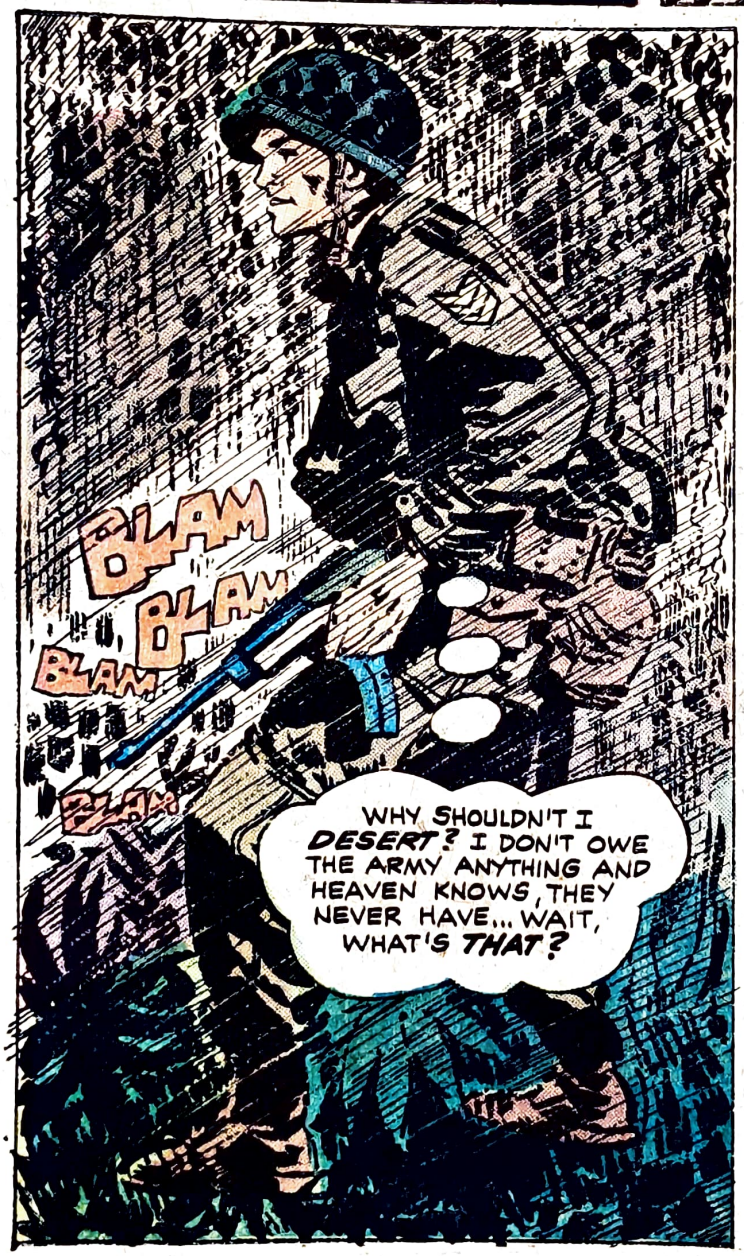

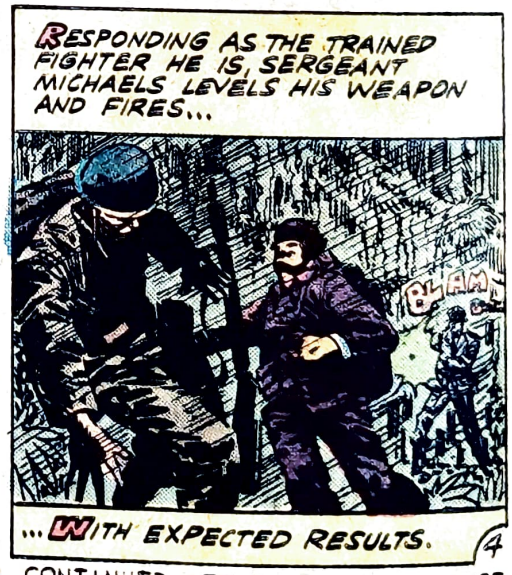

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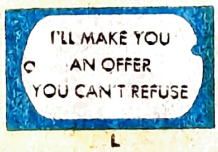

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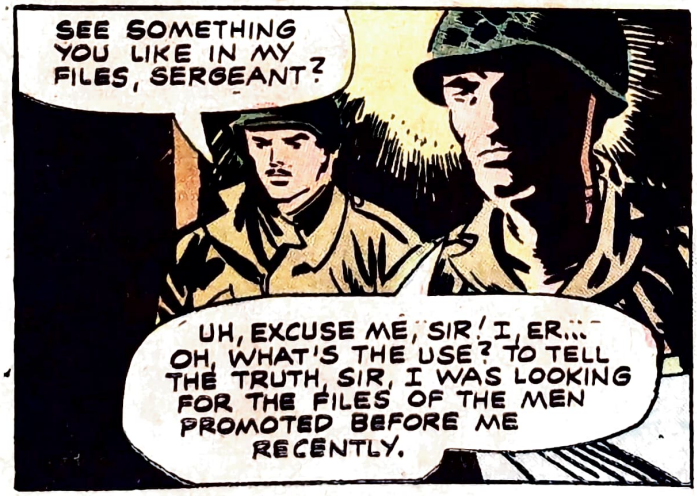
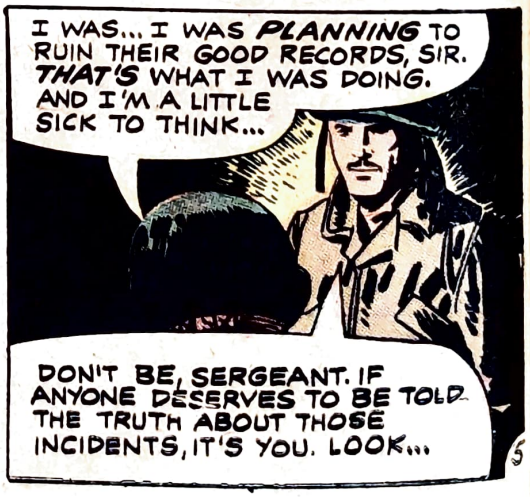
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK...
FORGET IT, KID. THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE I COULD DO.

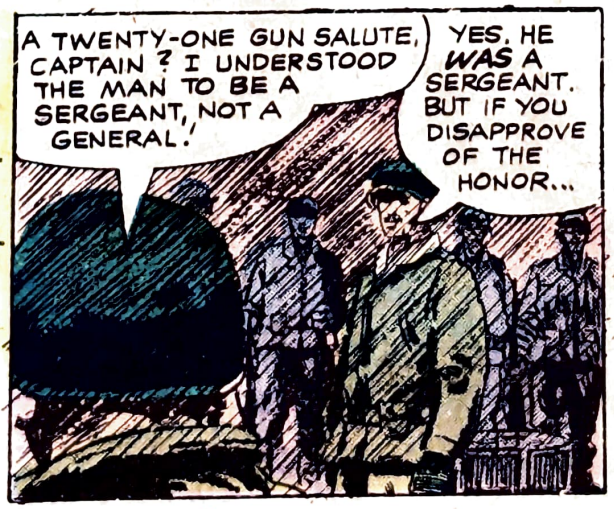
NOTHING AT ALL!

THE NIGHT OF THE BATTLE... A SHADOW STIRS IN THE TENT OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER...
NEXT TO TRYING TO DESERT THIS AFTERNOON, THIS HAS TO BE THE CRAZIEST THING I'VE EVER DONE! IF THE CAPTAIN CATCHES ME SNOOPING THROUGH THE RECORDS...


SEE SOMETHING YOU LIKE IN MY FILES, SERGEANT?
UH, EXCUSE ME, SIR! I, ER... OH, WHAT'S THE USE? TO TELL THE TRUTH, SIR, I WAS LOOKING FOR THE FILES OF THE MEN PROMOTED BEFORE ME RECENTLY.


I WAS... I WAS PLANNING TO RUIN THEIR GOOD RECORDS, SIR. THAT'S WHAT I WAS DOING. AND I'M A LITTLE SICK TO THINK...
DON'T BE, SERGEANT. IF ANYONE DESERVES TO BE TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT THOSE INCIDENTS, IT'S YOU. LOOK...

THE OFFICER SURVIVED THE ATTACK, THANKS TO THE SELF-LESSNESS OF SGT. JASON MICHAELS... A SELFLESS-NESS THAT COST THE NON-COM HIS LIFE...



OKINAWA

OKINAWA, A SMALL, JAPANESE ISLAND IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, WAS THE LAST ENEMY STRONGHOLD BLOCKING THE WAY TO THE INVASION OF JAPAN.

IT WAS DEFENDED BY OVER 100,000 JAP TROOPS. ON APRIL 1, 1945, MARINES AND SOLDIERS OF THE 10TH ARMY HIT THE BEACHES OF OKINAWA. BY NIGHTFALL, A BEACHHEAD WAS ESTABLISHED.

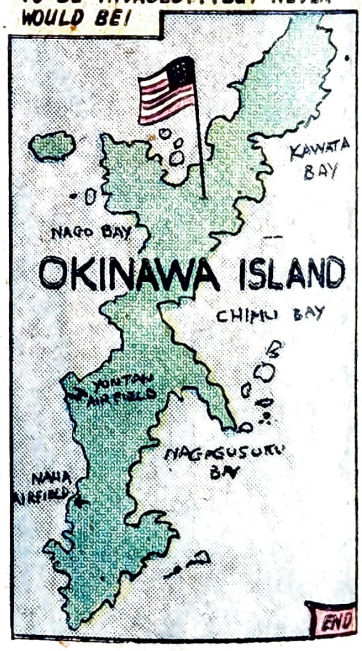
ZIP

THREE WEEKS LATER, MARINES HAD REACHED THE NORTHERN END OF OKINAWA AND WERE CLEANING OUT POCKETS OF RESISTANCE, BUT THE JAPS HAD CONCENTRATED THEIR DEFENCES ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND.

RESISTANCE GOT HEAVIER! THE FIGHTING BECAME FIERCE AND BRUTAL! JAPANESE FANATICS CHOSE TO DIE, RATHER THAN TO SURRENDER.

IN THE LAST WEEK OF MAY, THE CAPITAL CITY OF 'NAHA' WAS FINALLY TAKEN...YET, BITTER FIGHTING CONTINUED! GENERAL BUCKNER, THE 10TH ARMY COMMANDER, WAS KILLED BY A JAP SHELL FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE CAMPAIGN ENDED!

OKINAWA WAS FINALLY SECURED BY JUNE 22, 1945! 11,260 AMERICANS HAD DIED! THREE TIMES AS MANY WERE WOUNDED! ALMOST 100,000 JAP SOLDIERS HAD DIED. JAPAN WAS READY TO BE INVADED...BUT NEVER WOULD BE!



IN 1949, GUS SCHEMMLER JOINED THE MARINE CORPS... IT WAS HIS NINETEENTH BIRTHDAY AND FROM THE FIRST HE WAS THE KIND OF MARINE RECRUIT DRILL INSTRUCTORS PRAY FOR! HE TOOK TO LIFE IN THE MARINES LIKE A DUCK TO WATER... HARD AND TOUGH ALL THE WAY! AND HE SHOWED IT IN HIS FIRST COMBAT IN KOREA AGAINST AN ENEMY MORTAR DUGOUT AS HE BECAME...

THE MODEL MARINE

BUDDA BUDDA

ONLY GUS COULD LEAD US OUT OF THIS MORTAR FIRE!

WHAM

WHAMM

YOO

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HE PROVED HIS FIRST TOUGHNESS WHEN HE TANGLED WITH SOMEONE BIGGER THAN HIMSELF...

GUS IS WIPIN' HIM OUT! WE'D BETTER...

HOLD IT, BOOT! MORENO LOOKED FOR A FIGHT... SCHEMMLER'S GIVING HIM ONE!

SOCK

HE QUALIFIED FOR SHARPSHOOTER ON THE RANGE...

SCHEMMLER'S THE BEST I'VE HAD IN A YEAR... HE'S GOOD WITH EVERY WEAPON!

POW

POW

WHEN HE CAME HOME ON LEAVE AFTER FINISHING BOOT CAMP, HIS BROTHER ALLAN WAS HIS GREATEST ADMIRER!

GEE, GUS, YOU LOOK GREAT IN UNIFORM!

YOU WILL TOO, AL... JOIN UP AS SOON AS YOU CAN!

GUS WENT ON MANEUVERS, TOOK SPECIAL TRAINING AND SHARPENED HIS SKILLS. BY THE SUMMER OF 1950, HE WAS HARD, TOUGH AND READY...
...ORDERS TO SHIP OUT FOR JAPAN! THERE'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE OVER THERE...IN KOREA!
NEVER HEARD OF IT!
USMC
THEN IT CAME...THE INVASION OF SOUTH KOREA, JUNE 25, 1950.
WHEEEEE
WHEEEEEE
WHAAAMM
AL SCHEMMLER HEARD THE NEWS. HE'D JUST FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS ENTERING COLLEGE IN THE FALL, BUT...
BUT ALLAN, GUS IS SUITED FOR MILITARY LIFE. I THINK YOU SHOULD GO TO COLLEGE AND WAIT TO BE DRAFTED.
IF GUS CAN DO IT, DAD, SO CAN I!
DON'T TRY TO BE LIKE YOUR BROTHER, ALLAN. YOU'RE DIFFERENT... HE'S TOUGHER BUT YOU'RE SMARTER.
EVERYONE ALWAYS MADE A FUSS OVER GUS, ALLAN...BUT BELIEVE ME, YOU'RE JUST AS GOOD AS HE IS! A MOTHER KNOWS!
YOU'RE NOT A TENTH AS GOOD AS YOUR BROTHER WAS, SCHEMMLER!
BUT AL SCHEMMLER DIDN'T TAKE TO MARINE LIFE LIKE GUS DID!
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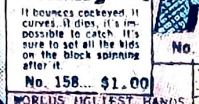

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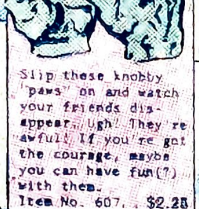

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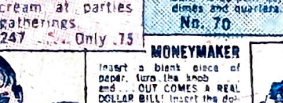

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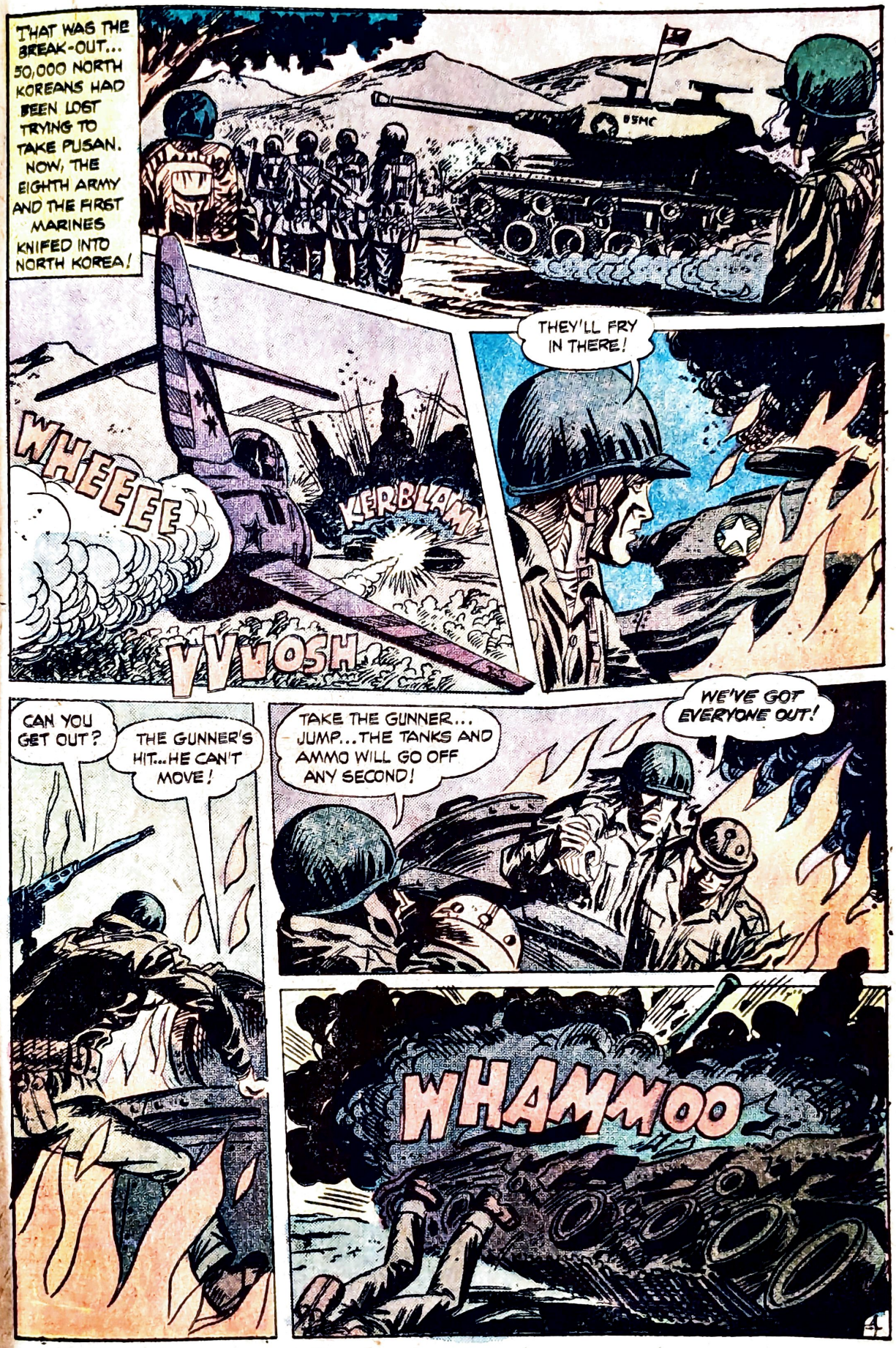
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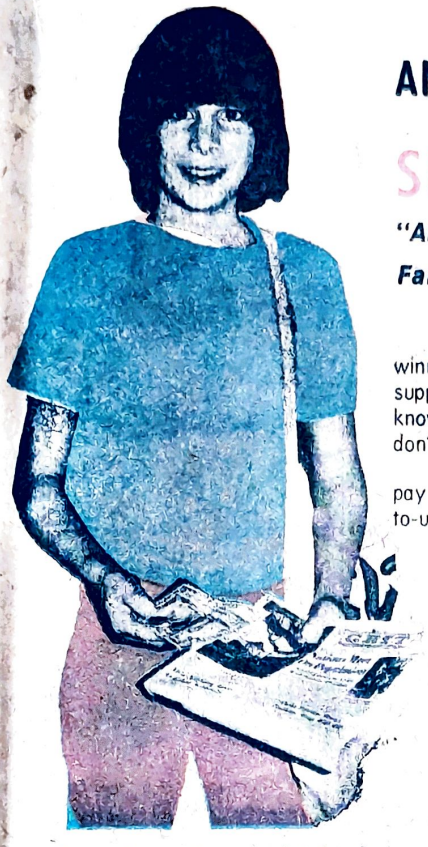

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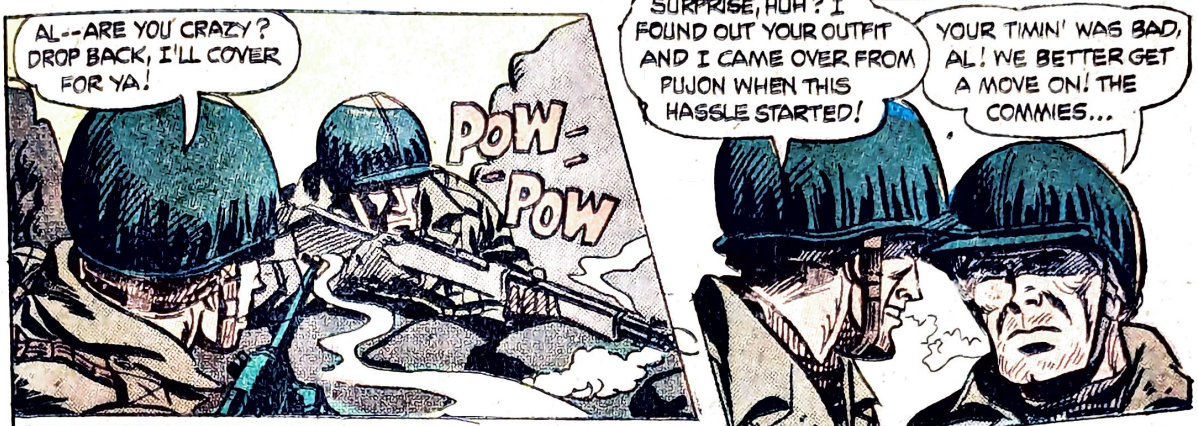
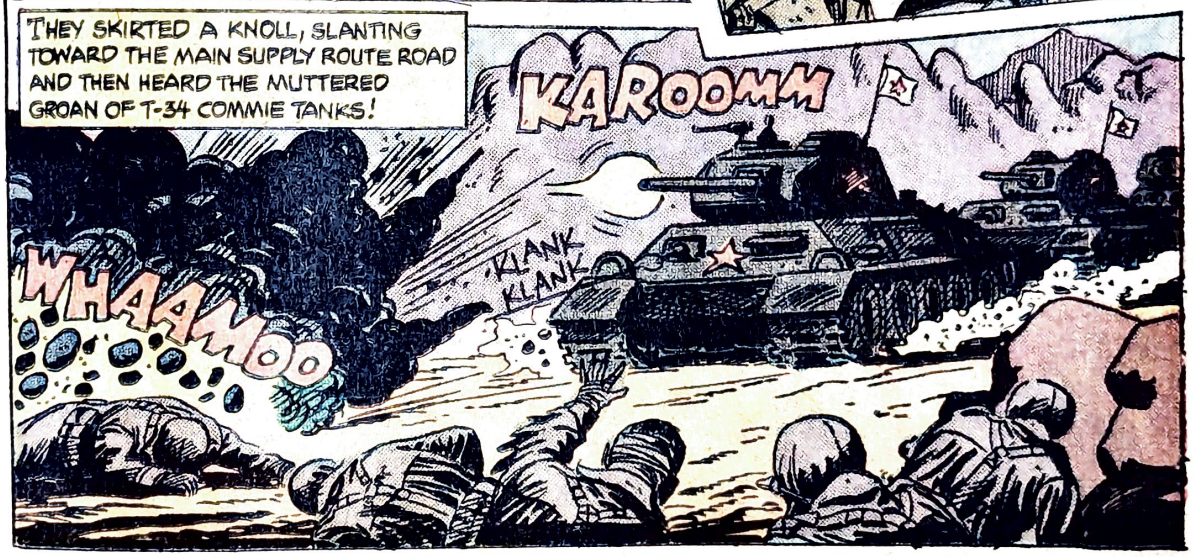
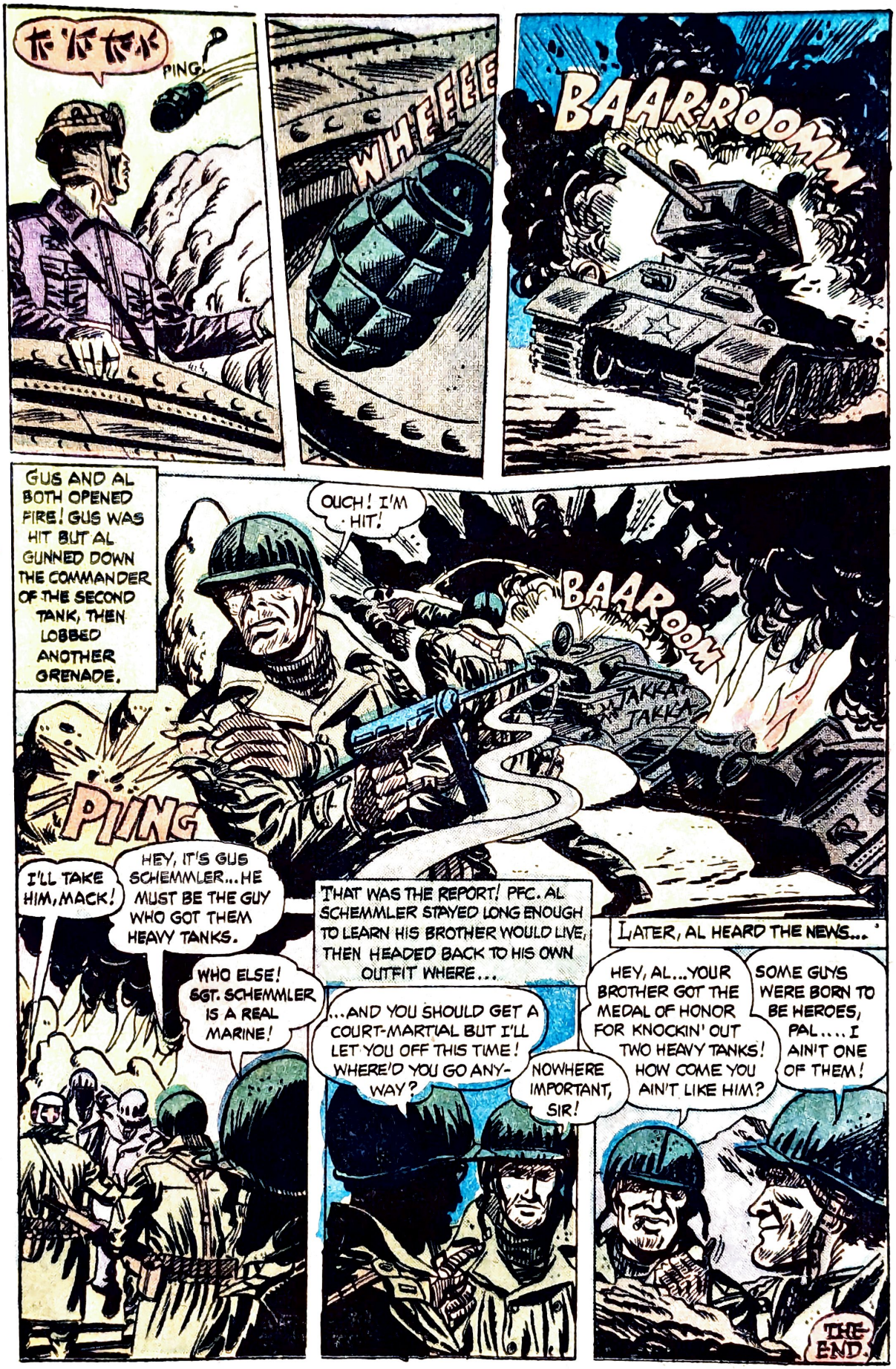
I'VE COMPLETED THE PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE RUNS. IN ADDITION I'VE EYEBALLED EVERY ROCK AND BLADE OF GRASS! THERE AREN'T ANY CHINESE DOWN THERE!
BUT THEY WERE THERE. LYING QUIETLY IN RAVINES AND AGAINST ROCKS....SUPERBLY CAMOUFLAGED!
THE CHINESE SMASHED AT THE MARINES NEAR CHONGJIN IN EARLY DECEMBER. 20,000 MARINES IN X CORPS BEGAN TO RETREAT TOWARD HUNGNAM....
WE GOTTA KEEP THE MAIN SUPPLY ROUTE OPEN. WE'RE NOT RUNNIN!
POW
BUDDA BUDDA
POW POW POW
POW
POW
THEY'LL STOP MY CLOCK....BUT I'LL TAKE SOME OF THEM WITH ME!
BUDDA
BUDDA
TAKKA TAKK
POW

SUDDENLY, THE NEAREST COMMIE WAS SLAMMED BY A SLUG.... A GRENADE LANDED AMONG THE CHARGING CHICOMS...
WHAAMM
PING!
PING!


AL--ARE YOU CRAZY? DROP BACK, I'LL COVER FOR YA!
POW-POW
SURPRISE, HUH? I FOUND OUT YOUR OUTFIT AND I CAME OVER FROM PUJON WHEN THIS HASSLE STARTED!
YOUR TIMIN' WAS BAD, AL! WE BETTER GET A MOVE ON! THE COMMIES...


THEY SKIRTED A KNOLL, SLANTING TOWARD THE MAIN SUPPLY ROUTE ROAD AND THEN HEARD THE MUTTERED GROAN OF T-34 COMMIE TANKS!
KAROOMM
KLANK KLANK
WHAAMOO

YA CRAZY, AL? THROW THAT GRENADE AND A HUNDRED SLOPIES WILL BE CRAWLIN' DOWN OUR THROATS!
THEY'LL OVER-RUN OUR GUYS, GUS! WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!
KLICK
GRRRRR


PING!
WHEEEE
BAARROOMM
GUS AND AL BOTH OPENED FIRE! GUS WAS HIT BUT AL GUNNED DOWN THE COMMANDER OF THE SECOND TANK, THEN LOBBED ANOTHER GRENADE.
OUCH! I'M HIT!
BAAROOM
TAKKA TAKKA
PING
I'LL TAKE HIM, MACK!
HEY, IT'S GUS SCHEMMLER...HE MUST BE THE GUY WHO GOT THEM HEAVY TANKS.
WHO ELSE! SGT. SCHEMMLER IS A REAL MARINE!
THAT WAS THE REPORT! PFC. AL SCHEMMLER STAYED LONG ENOUGH TO LEARN HIS BROTHER WOULD LIVE, THEN HEADED BACK TO HIS OWN OUTFIT WHERE...
...AND YOU SHOULD GET A COURT-MARTIAL BUT I'LL LET YOU OFF THIS TIME! WHERE'D YOU GO ANYWAY?
NOWHERE IMPORTANT, SIR!
LATER, AL HEARD THE NEWS...
HEY, AL...YOUR BROTHER GOT THE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR KNOCKIN' OUT TWO HEAVY TANKS! HOW COME YOU AIN'T LIKE HIM?
SOME GUYS WERE BORN TO BE HEROES, PAL....I AIN'T ONE OF THEM!
THE END.

BLOODY IWO JIMA

IWO JIMA WAS A SMALL ISLAND THAT BLOCKED THE ALLIED ADVANCE TOWARDS JAPAN. IWO WAS ONLY 600 MILES FROM TOKYO. IT HAD TO BE TAKEN!

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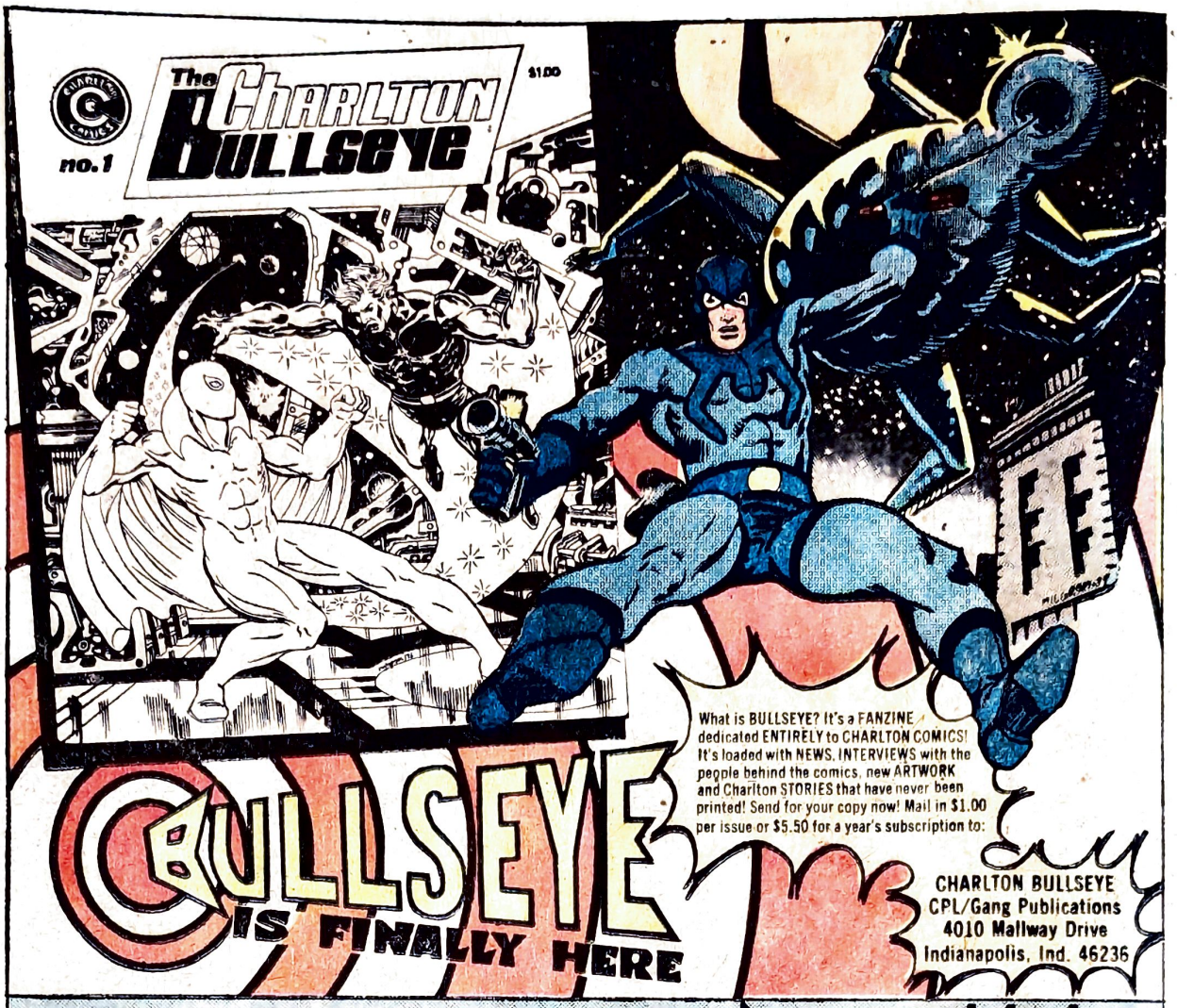

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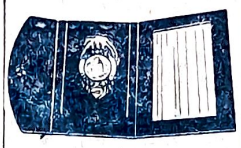

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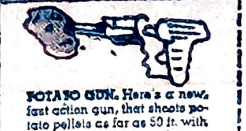

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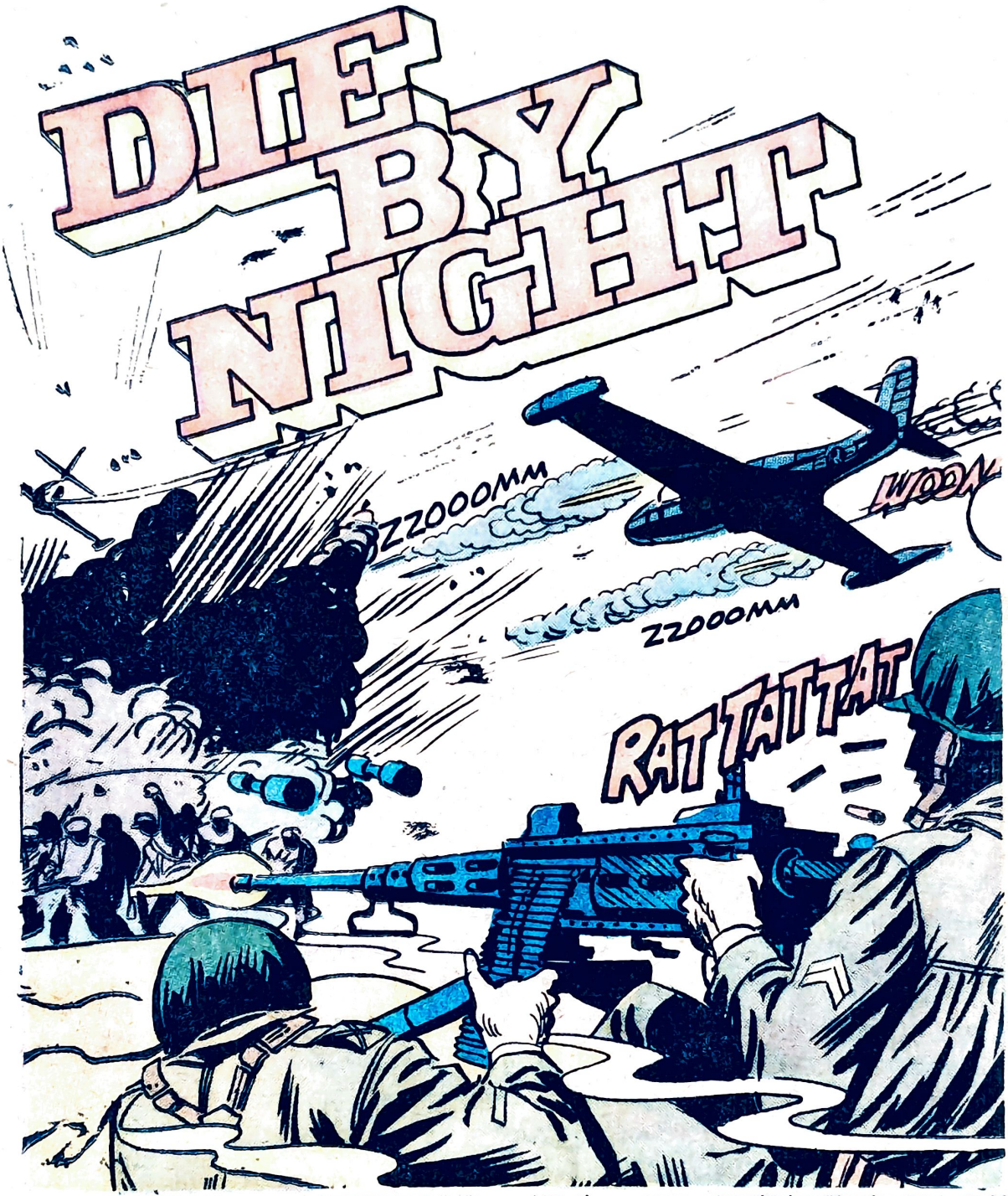


In June, 1951, General Matthew Ridgway's United Nations forces pushed north into North Korea but they stopped there. A war that had been one of quick, slashing attacks became one of limited movement with both sides dug in along the 38th Parallel. Truce talks began in July, 1951, but bloody, bitter fighting went on.

The historians called this phase of the Korean War the "Battle For The Hills," and it became one of the bloodiest wars in history. Some of the worst battles were fought at Bloody Ridge, Heartbreak Ridge, Old Baldy, and Pork Chop Hill.

The Marines were always up there in the CZ or Combat Zone. It had become a very peculiar war. Command posts were supplied with electricity. Field kitchens were moved up near the combat area, and the troops were probably the best fed in the history of warfare.

But the casualties were heavy — especially at night. Patrols went out in darkness, men from the United States who'd lived all their lives with electric lights in their homes, bright headlights on their cars, men who seldom had experienced total darkness very often. And they were fighting Chinese who were accustomed to surviving in lightless nights, men whose night vision had not been impaired by constant exposure to light.

The patrols went out every night. Marine Sgt.

Wayne Jenson led his patrols into the darkness, probing for Chicom troops trying to move into position to bushwhack the Marines at dawn.

Jenson's patrols suffered a lot of casualties. Often, 18 or 19 year old Marines only in Korea a few weeks died on their first patrol. Jenson took it hard when this happened, and often he'd brood about it all next day.

He told his platoon leader, Lt. Al Cotswold.

"Why send out eight or ten on patrol, skipper?" Jenson asked. "We always lose one or two good men if we run into any Commies."

The platoon leader continued gulping down chow as his squad leader complained. "We have standing orders, Wayne. Send out patrols every night. You seem to like the duty; and you do it better than anyone else, so you get stuck with it. If you like, I'll have Baker or Gronsky take over."

Jenson shook his head.

"Baker's gain' home in a couple weeks. He ain't gonna do the job and Gronsky's tryin' to live forever. He'll take the patrol out to the first safe place he finds

and sit there for an hour, then come back."

Lt. Cotswold sighed and looked at his sergeant.

"What do you think we should do, sergeant?"

Jenson knew he was being stupid, but he said what he had to say.

"One men patrols, skipper. I can go out and see just as much as eight or ten, and I won't have to worry about gettin' the rest of them back."

The lieutenant sat and looked at him. He had led patrols into the Combat Zone before a Colonel had hit him with a commission in the field. He knew how dangerous it was.

"You're sure, Wayne?"

Sgt. Wayne Jenson nodded. "Better this way, skipper. I won't have to think about guys who died out there because they were stupid or green or whatever."

That night, just after dark, Sgt. Wayne Jenson slipped off the red lenses he'd worn ever since he'd awakened at six p.m. His night vision was unimpaired. He moved through the rocks on the hillside, seeing each obstacle in the starlight, unhampered by darkness.

Sgt. Jenson went on patrol alone that night. The Marines dug in in foxholes heard a far-off clatter, a .30 caliber automatic weapon. They heard the WHOOOMM! WHOOOMM! of American grenades several times, then the hysterical firing of enemy guns.

As if to signal his survival, they heard Sgt. Jenson's weapon chatter a reply.

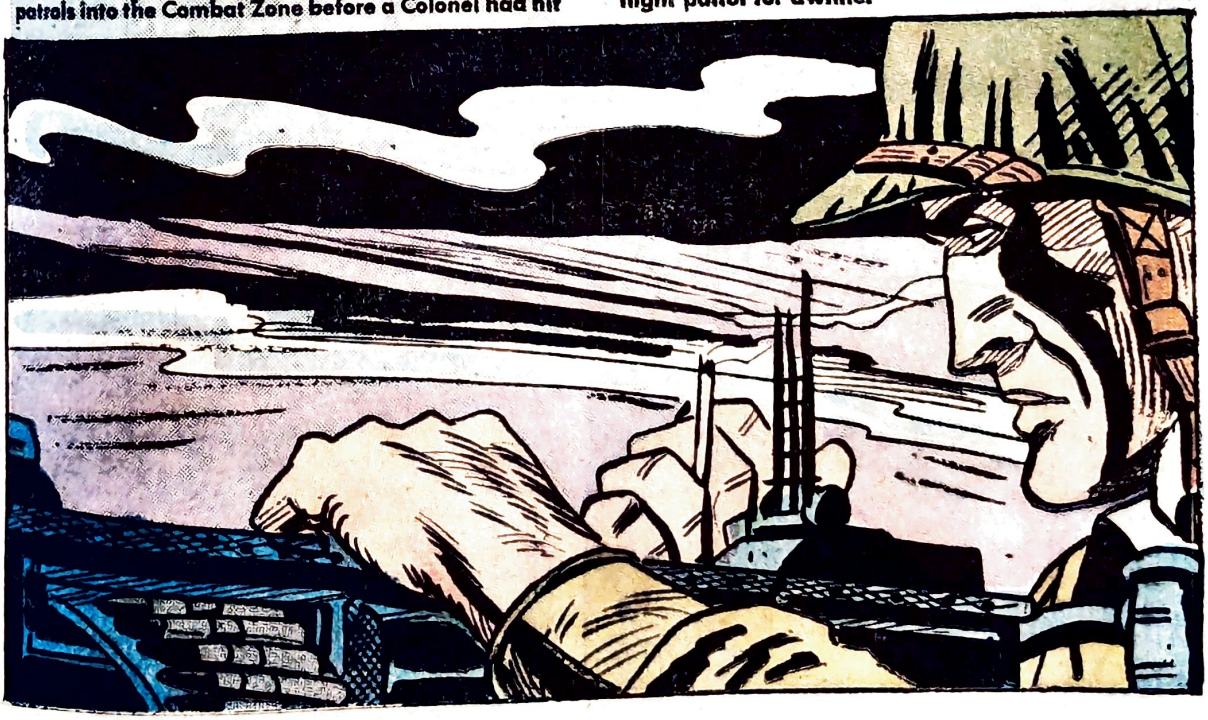
Jenson came in just before daylight, took chow from Cpl. Liguori, then fell asleep in the Command Post, the red glasses on. He went out again that night and the company was listening to his weapons, grenades, and the answering enemy fire.

Jenson came back. Jenson came back every night after weeks and weeks of patrol. He was pale, but his nerves were holding up. And the Chicoms were not moving forces into the area. Chicom land mines weren't killing any men. And no young Marines were dying.

It happened in September, 1951. Sgt. Jenson went out on night patrol. The Chicoms were waiting in the darkness, opening fire. The first burst slammed Jenson back but the Chicoms didn't get a chance to finish him off. The entire company charged through the night, driving the Commies back.

They found Jenson still alive, a bullet in his thigh, another in his arm.

"No sweat, lieutenant," Jenson said painfully. "The body armor saved me, but I guess I'm through on night patrol for awhile."



NO MORE MEDALS

IN WORLD WAR II, SGT. MAXWELL WAS A TIGER... AT GUADALCANAL HE LED HIS SQUAD SURERBLY... HE ALWAYS HIT THE ENEMY FIRST, HE KEPT THE CASUALTIES LOW IN HIS SQUAD, AND WHEN HE WAS GIVEN A FIELD COMMISSION AND HIS OWN PLATOON AT TARAWA, HE WAS A TERRIFIC COMBAT LEADER...

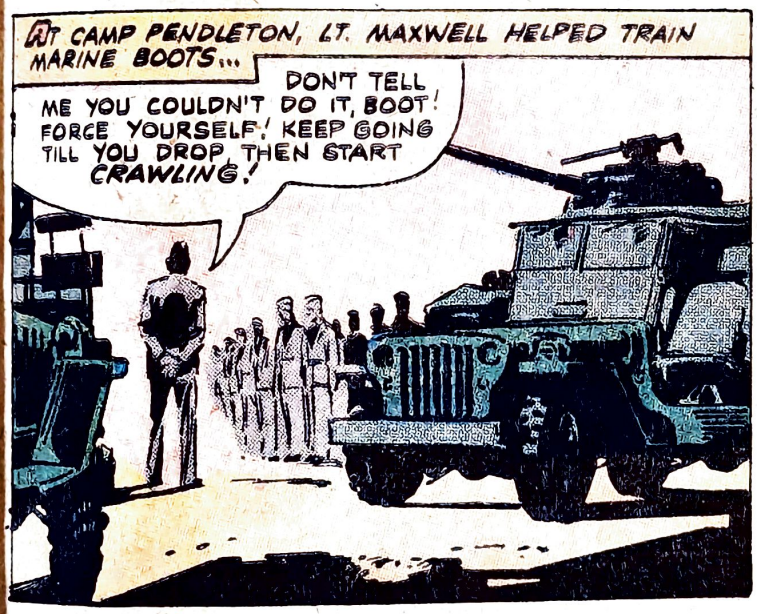
LOWELL! MAJESKY! GET SWEENEY OUT OF HERE!

RAT-TA-TAT

RAT-TAT

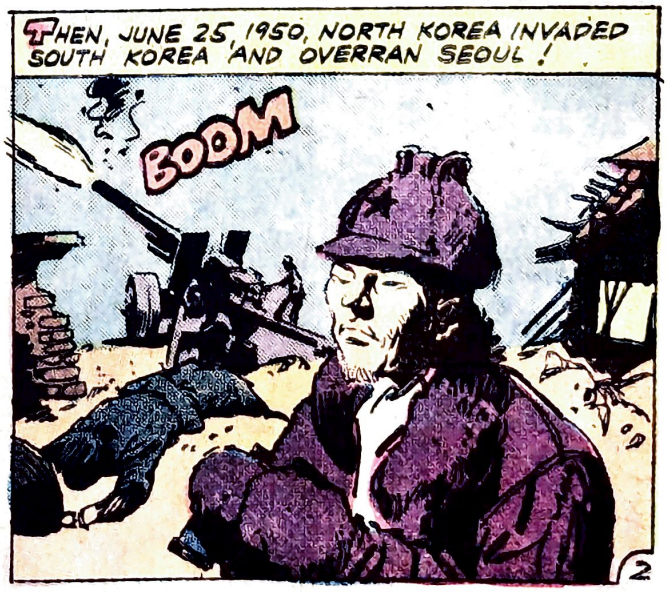
HE WAS TWENTY-FOUR... MAXWELL WENT BACK TO COLLEGE, GOT MARRIED IN HIS SENIOR YEAR, AND BY 1948 HAD HIS DEGREE, A GOOD JOB, AND A YOUNG SON! IN 1950, THEY HAD A SECOND CHILD. THEN, THEY GOT THE WORD...
THAT LETTER FROM WASHINGTON ISN'T IMPORTANT, IS IT?

IT'S FROM THE MARINE COMMANDANT... I'VE BEEN IN THE INACTIVE RESERVE... THIS ORDERS ME TO REPORT FOR ACTIVE DUTY!


AT CAMP PENDLETON, LT. MAXWELL HELPED TRAIN MARINE BOOTS...
DON'T TELL ME YOU COULDN'T DO IT, BOOT! FORCE YOURSELF! KEEP GOING TILL YOU DROP, THEN START CRAWLING!

LATER... WHEN HE PHONED HIS WIFE AND AFTER HE LISTENED TO HIS YOUNG SON...
WE'RE TRYING TO TOUGHEN UP THE BOOTS, HONEY. I HOPE WE HAVE TIME TO GET THE JOB DONE...

... IT SEEMS THERE'S TROUBLE BREWING IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC!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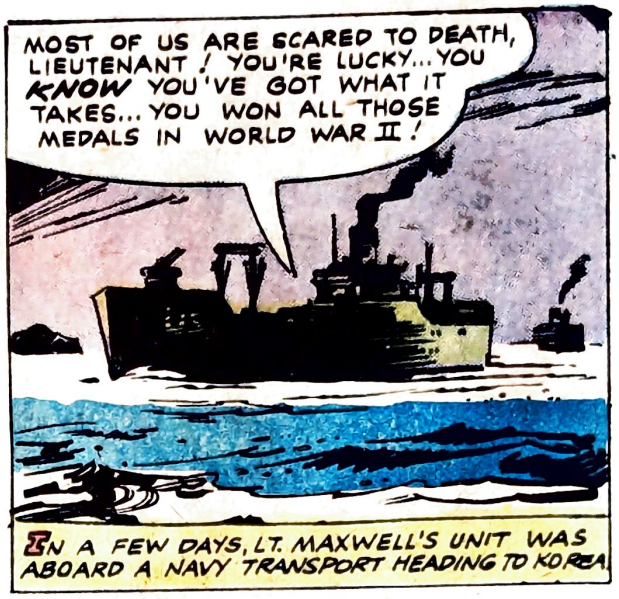
MOST OF US ARE SCARED TO DEATH, LIEUTENANT! YOU'RE LUCKY... YOU KNOW YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES... YOU WON ALL THOSE MEDALS IN WORLD WAR II!
IN A FEW DAYS, LT. MAXWELL'S UNIT WAS ABOARD A NAVY TRANSPORT HEADING TO KOREA

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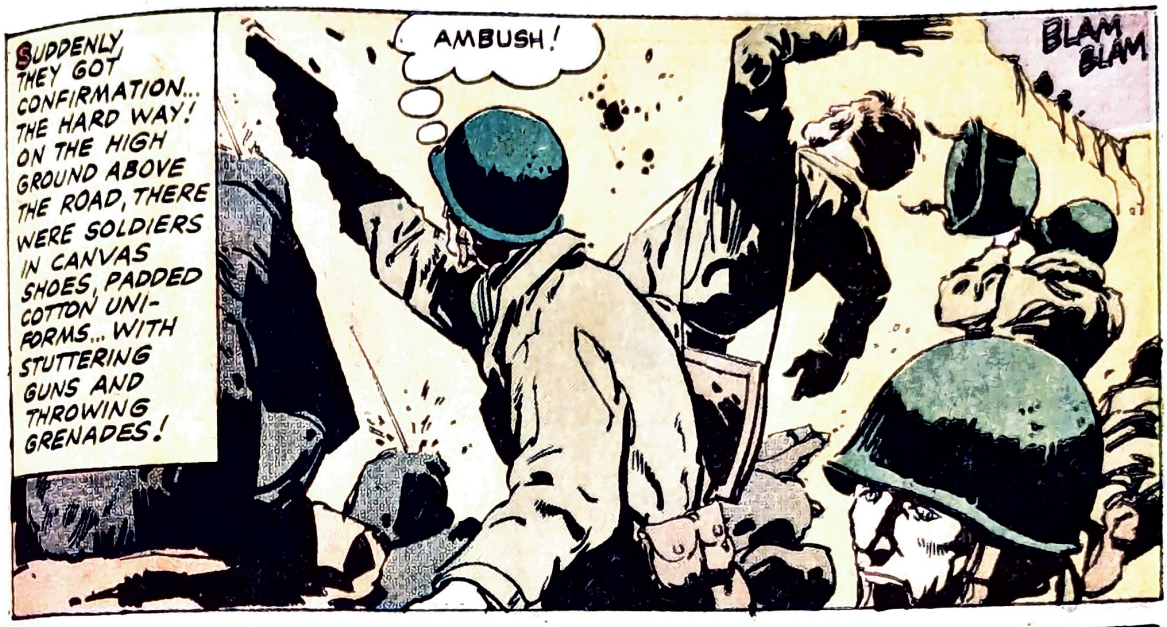

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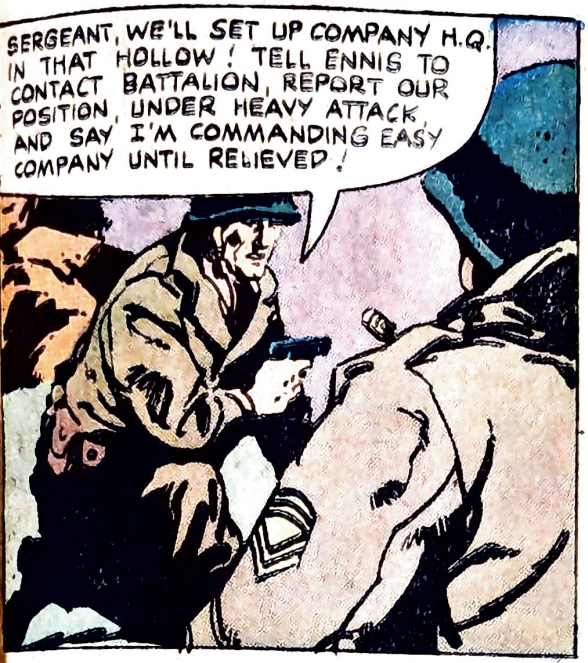
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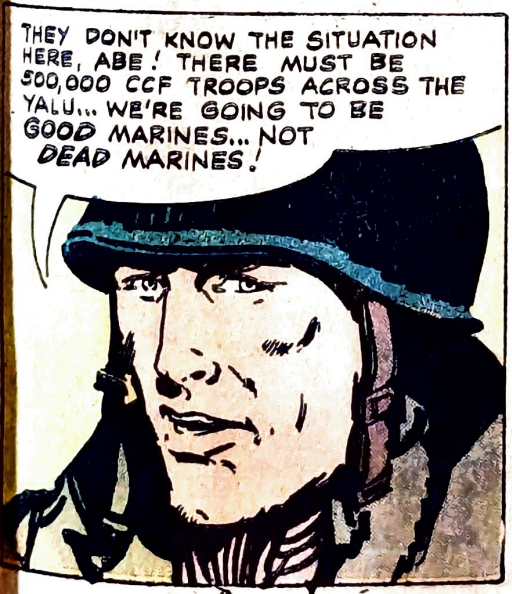
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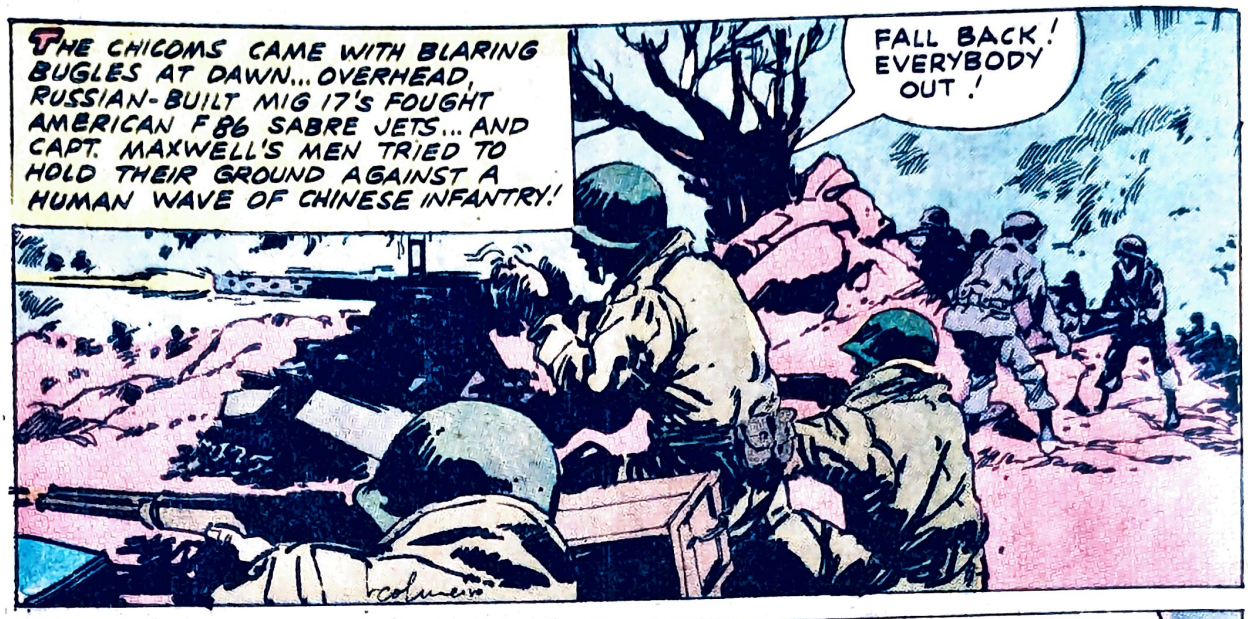
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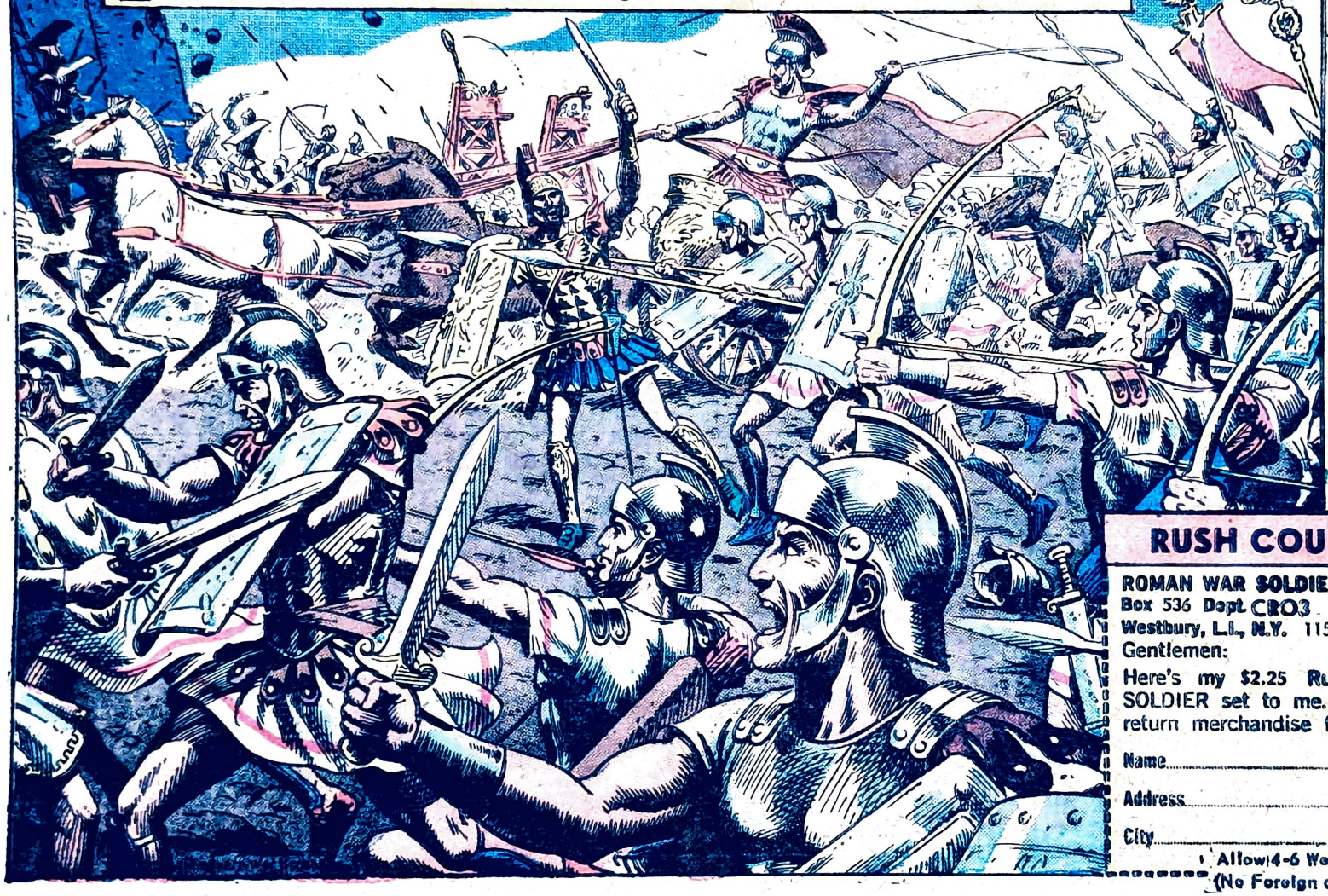

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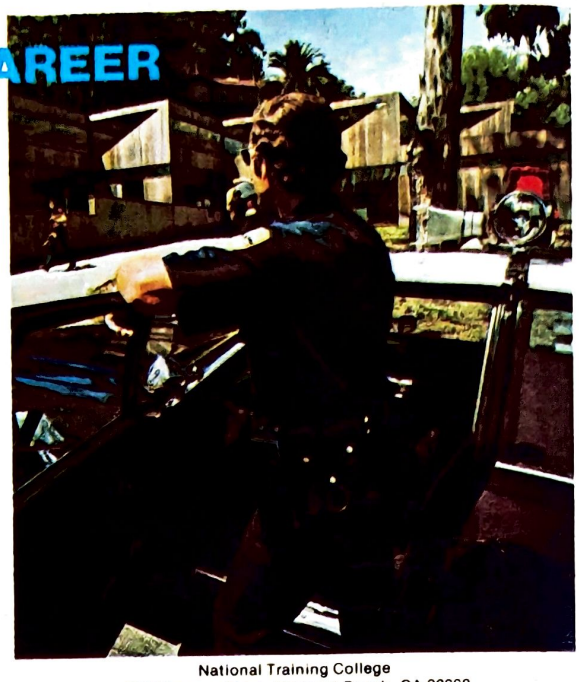

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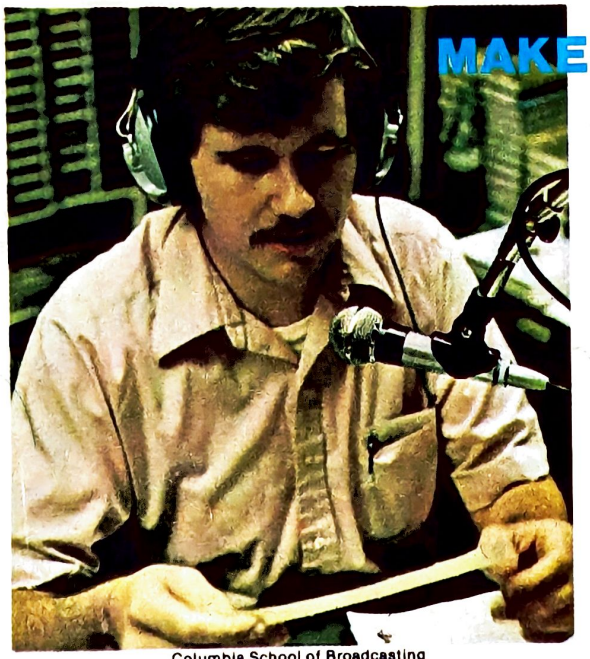

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